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I have just talked with Dixon and told him that the OAS has met precisely the conditions which Dixon laid down yesterday as being essential in order for him to oppose a future Soviet motion to send UN observers to the area of Guatemala. His condition was that the OAS take action to send observers of its own.

In reply he told me that he just received a very "tough telegram from London" instructing him to insist strongly on UN observation.

I told him this was a shocking development, that we had gone to great lengths to meet all his requirements and that now he was going back on his word that he had given to me yesterday. I told him that this whole question was very close to us, as close as Ireland is to him, and that already France with her resolution had undercut our position and that now the British apparently were going to undercut our whole effort to maintain an organization of American States. I said that I would not take any steps whatever to call a meeting until I heard from him further. He said that he would try to get his Government on the telephone.

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